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SENATE PASSES EXTENSION BILL

Reverses Action After Reconsideration Of Former Vote

Representatives Will Play Lone Hand In Investigation Of Bribery Charges In Connection With Passage Of Elson Telephone Bill—Smith Measure Limiting Tax Rate To 1 Per Cent Sails Through House—Assistant Attorney General Farmed Out

Columbus, O., March 24.—Senator Lawyer's bill making the terms of county officials four years was passed in the senate by a vote of 25 to 5, after that body had reconsidered its former action in defeating the measure. Under the bill, as it now stands, county officers elected this fall will be elected for a period of four years.

By an unanimous vote the house of representatives passed Mr. Elson's resolution calling for a bipartisan investigation of the charges of bribery in connection with the passage by the house of the Elson telephone merger bill. The resolution also provides that the investigating committee shall consist of four members, to be appointed by the speaker. It was on the advice of Attorney General Denman that the resolution provides for only a house committee. The senate therefore will have no part in the investigation.

Favor Smith Tax Bill.
The house passed the Smith 1 per cent tax limit bill. This is similar to the Alsdorf measure passed by the senate, and which is designed to limit the levy to be adopted for the present year. Attorneys in the house say that the Smith bill is much more carefully drawn and that the senate probably will pass it. The amount of money raised by taxation in 1911 with the new levy and new appraisal in effect is not to exceed that raised this year by more than 5 per cent; the excess in 1912 is not to be greater than 8 per cent and the excess is limited to 10 per cent in subsequent years. The 1 per cent maximum does not embrace emergencies, although it does embrace the existing sinking fund demands. Persons who have dodged personal taxes in the past because of the high tax rate are to be given an immunity bath. They may return such personal property in the future without being penalized for their past misdeeds.

By action of both houses, the assistant attorney general was authorized to assist county prosecutors in general cases when the attorney general is too busy to attend to the matter himself.

WEYBRECHT MAKES REPORT

Says Trinity Parish House Too Small For Capitol Annex.
Columbus, O., March 24.—That the state may not, after all, purchase Trinity House in East Broad street for an office building for state departments that are now renting desk room outside the Capitol at a cost of nearly \$16,000 a year, is indicated in a statement by Adjutant General Weybrecht.

"I have had plans made for the remodeling of Trinity House," said the adjutant general, "and I find that the best we can do there is to get 32 offices. That is by no means enough to accommodate our renters and the growing departments of the state that still remain in the statehouse."

The unwritten law saved Mrs. Prudence Pollock of Clarkesburg, W. Va., charged with the murder of Charlotte Millburn, whom she accused of breaking up her home.

HELD FOR KIDNAPPING

Cleveland, O., March 24.—Sheldon B. Cobb, 25, of Jamestown, N. Y., was arrested here on a warrant charging him with kidnapping Ruth Beardsley, 16, also of Jamestown. The girl was placed in the custody of the juvenile court and Cobb was confined in jail while officers went to Columbus to arrange for extradition.

WOMEN DROWNED

Ogdensburg, N. Y., March 24.—Mrs. James Semple and her two daughters and a Mrs. Elliott were enjoying a boat ride on a small river that runs through the Semple farm, when the boat was overturned, throwing all the occupants into the water. Mrs. Semple, Miss C. Semple and Mrs. Elliott were drowned. The other Miss Semple was rescued in an unconscious condition.

Save the Eyes.
Do not go from a dark room into a brilliantly lighted one. Try to make the change gradually by lingering for a moment near the open door of the lighted room.

Ezra Meeker, Oregon Pioneer, To Take Again Journey of 1852



Within a short time Ezra Meeker, the octogenarian pioneer of the famous Oregon trail, will again retrace the steps he took fifty-eight years ago in journeying from Kansas City to The Dalles, Ore. As on the former occasion, his means of conveyance will be a prairie schooner, drawn by a yoke of oxen. He will be accompanied by four persons. The purpose of the journey is the securing of data for the accurate mapping of the old trail.

SAYS GRAFT GOES BACK TO HOLLENBECK'S TIME

Columbus, O., March 24.—Maude L. Platt, former bookkeeper of the Ruggles-Gale company and now an employee of the state fire marshal's office, brought Former State Fire Marshal S. D. Hollenbeck into the graft probe by testifying that he had consented to an increase in the price of binding of certain state reports of the department after a lower price had been agreed upon. Hollenbeck was the first state fire marshal and immediately preceded Hy D. Davis in that office.

"I frequently heard Ruggles, Paine and Ball talk about padding bills. They frequently disagreed as to the

extent of the padding because of the fear of inability to get the bills through the auditor's office," said Miss Platt.

Mellen's Answer Due Today.
New Haven, Conn., March 24.—President Mellen of the New Haven road will give an answer today to the committee representing the conductors, trainmen and yardmen of the New Haven system, and on that answer will depend what further steps will be taken by 3,800 railroad employees, 98 per cent of whom have voted to strike because the company has refused their demands for more pay and shorter hours.

IS READY FOR ATTACK

Steamship Antilles, at Sea, (by wireless) March 24.—Aboard this steamship is Operator Barager, who has been handling press dispatches at Bluefields, Nicaragua. Barager says that Provisional President Juan J. Estrada has received a large supply of ammunition and asserts that he can hold the Atlantic coast against 10,000 Madrid troops should they try to take Bluefields and the coast.

An Old Moon Idea.
Some of the ancients believed that the soul of the good who died on earth went to the side of the moon turned away from earth, while sinners went to sojourn on the side of the moon visible to mortals, thus being obliged to spend eternity in full view of the scene of their crimes.

CATHERINE MANZ TELLS OF HER PAST LIFE

Canton, O., March 24.—Catherine Manz, the 16-year-old Massillon girl who is accused of murdering her sister Elizabeth, was seen in her cell. "I had a pretty good night's sleep, but the rats woke me up several times," Catherine said. "I arose early feeling rested and was dressed and combed when the turnkey served me my breakfast."

"Did you work hard at home?" was asked. "Yes, I did; I kept house for four persons," she replied. "Do you like to go to shows and dances?" "Yes, but I was not in the habit of doing so," was the quiet answer.

"Do you belong to church and did you attend?" "Yes, I went to St. Mary's church."

"Do you like your quarters here?" "I don't like to be in jail. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and Turnkey Slusser have been very kind."

RECORDS GO BY BOARD

Oldfield Continues In Hot Pursuit of Father Time.

Ormond, Fla., March 24.—The two-mile-a-minute and kilometer records were broken by Barney Oldfield in his Benz car at Daytona Beach before a big crowd. Oldfield covered the two miles in 55.38 seconds, against 58.25 seconds made by Victor Demegot in a 200-horsepower Darracq car on the sand course in 1906. He drove the kilometer in 17.4-100 seconds, which beat the best previous time, made by Hemery in the same car on the especially built automobile track in Brooklands, Eng., in 17.76-100.

George Robertson in Walter Christie's front-drive creation covered himself with glory by driving a mile in 20.39-100 seconds, which is a record for an American-built car.

Kills Woman and Self.

Wilmington, Del., March 24.—Because Mrs. Clara Newcomb would not leave her husband and elope with Charles Tyndall, Tyndall shot and killed the woman and then sent two bullets into his brain, dying almost instantly.

KILLS TWO IN DRUNKEN RAGE

South Carolinian Runs Amuck on B. & O. Royal Blue Train.

STARTS BY SHOOTING PORTER

Then Kills Conductor When He Interferes—Barricades Himself in Car, but Is Driven Out by Stream of Water From Firemen's Hose at Wilmington, Del. — After Hour's Fight Is Killed by Policemen's Bullets—Scrap Started by Whisky.

Wilmington, Del., March 24.—J. B. Bethea, a six-foot southerner, who was a passenger on the Royal Blue train of the B. & O., had trouble with the porter, Samuel Williams, and shot him dead as the train passed through Newark, Del., 10 miles south of this city. When O. E. Wellman, the conductor, remonstrated, he was shot and killed. When the train reached here the man had barricaded himself in the car. Police were summoned and a fire company was called. Two murderers fired repeatedly at the crowd, and was finally forced by the stream of water to the car platform. He was shot three times by the police and then captured. He died in a few minutes.

A card bearing the name of J. P. Bethea of Dillon, S. C., was found on him, with instructions to notify M. E. Indlin of Dillon in case of accident. J. L. Wiley, a policeman, was shot in the hand and groin. Two or three others were wounded slightly. The fight by the police continued for more than an hour.

Bethea was drinking heavily and his trouble with the porter arose over the latter's inability to keep up with his demands for whisky.

NEILL AVERTS BIG RAILROAD WALKOUT

Secures Agreement Between Railroads and Firemen.

Chicago, March 24.—At an early hour this morning managers of western railroads and representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen reached an amicable settlement of differences, thus assuring peace on lines running out of Chicago. Both sides agreed that the credit for averting what would have been one of the worst strikes in railroad history is due to Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor.

The peace terms are substantially as follows: The demands of the firemen for a wage increase of approximately 12½ per cent will be submitted to arbitration under the Erdman act. Any fireman temporarily promoted to be an engineer after having held the position for 60 days establishes his seniority for all time and must not be reduced, irrespective of the question of representation for engineers who are members of the firemen's brotherhood will remain as it now stands. The railroads agree not to make any more exclusive agreements with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and on roads where the firemen's committee are now permitted to represent the engineers they shall continue to do so.

ROOSEVELTS AT CAIRO

Former President Received In Special Audience by the Khedive.

Cairo, March 24.—Colonel Roosevelt and his party left Luxor, and they will travel direct to this city. When they arrive they will stop at Shepherd's hotel. Great disappointment is felt by the people at Assiout. It was hoped that Colonel Roosevelt would break his journey there, and take part in the opening of the new American mission. Extensive preparations had been made to receive him, but as the khedive had arranged to receive him in special audience today, it was impossible for him to delay his arrival. Shortly after he is received by the khedive at the palace, his majesty will return the visit at the American embassy.

Skinning a Beet.
An ensy way to skin a beet without bleeding it and causing it to lose color is to put it in cold water as soon as it is cooked. Then draw the hand gently down each one and the skin will drop off without trouble.

CANNON THERE AS SPECTATOR

Attends Caucus But Takes No Part In Proceedings

Regulars Name Committee—Insurgents Had Candidate In Field, But Fail To Land Single Member—Express Perfect Satisfaction Over Result And Say Now That Harmony Is Restored House Will Settle Down To Transaction Of Public Business

Washington, March 24.—At the caucus of the house Republicans, six regulars were selected to represent the majority party of the house on the new rules committee that was created by the Norris resolution, passed last week, after one of the greatest fights ever waged in the lower branch of congress. They were Representatives Dalzell of Pennsylvania, Smith of Iowa, Bontell of Illinois, Lawrence of Massachusetts, Fassett of New York and Smith of California.

The insurgents have no representation on the committee, but they left the caucus satisfied with the result. "I am content," said Representative Norris, author of the resolution that precipitated the contest over the house rules. The insurgents will abide by the decision of the caucus. The caucus was entirely harmonious. Every motion that was carried went through by unanimous consent.

Speaker Cannon was present, but he took no part in the proceedings. He was a silent spectator, making no effort to dictate and evidently realizing to the full the changed order of things in the house.

Insurgents Also Ran.

Of the 19 Republicans suggested for a place on the rules committee, six were insurgents. They were Murdock, Norris, Gardner, Parsons, Davidson and Cooper.

There was little or no discussion.

In the three hours' session. While the insurgents had announced early in the week that they would not make an issue over the personnel of the committee, it was realized by all Republicans that there was at least a possibility of trouble. But it soon became apparent that harmony was in the air, and that those present were determined to finish the business without a row. Dalzell will be made chairman of the committee in place of Speaker Cannon, deposed.

"We now have harmony in the Republican party in the house for the first time in two years," said Representative Tawney, as he emerged from the caucus. Victor Murdock, the Kansas insurgent, also looked pleased as he left. "It is all right," said he, "the Republican majority is now ready for business."

MISSING AGT. HEARD FROM

Delaware, O., March 24.—Miss Florence Merkle, it was said, received a telegram from William Shaw, the missing and accused Wells Fargo express agent, stating that he was at Oakland, Cal., and was about to start for home.

QUIT SEARCH FOR MURRAY

Canton, O., March 24.—Police authorities have dropped the search for the man named Murray, accused by Catherine Manz of being the real murderer of her sister Elizabeth, at Massillon. Officials state it as their belief that Murray is a mythical character invented by the girl.

WITHHOLDS VERDICT

East Liverpool, O., March 24.—Coroner Jones is withholding his verdict in the case of John Crist, who was found dead with Mrs. Belle Dukes at his side on the right of way of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh railroad. Mrs. Dukes is recovering from her injuries, but it is said refuses to throw light on the case.

HOUSE PASSES A BILL TO RAISE THE MAINE

Washington, March 24.—The wreck of the battleship Maine is to be raised from the bottom of Havana harbor if the house of representatives has its way. The house passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for raising the wreck and interring the bodies supposed to be in the hulk in the National cemetery at Arlington. It also provides that the two tall masts of the ship shall be brought to the United States and erected in the Arlington cemetery near the bodies of the buried sailors.

Patriotic measures seemed to have the call in the house on this calendar, for just before the Maine bill was brought up the house passed the measure introduced by Representative Hobson of Alabama, intended to punish theater managers and others

who discriminate against the uniforms of the United States military and naval service. There was no opposition to either measure.

MAJOR'S WIFE IS KILLED

Mrs. Slocum Dead and General Bell Hurt in Auto Wreck.
Washington, March 24.—Mrs. Herbert J. Slocum, wife of Major Slocum, now stationed at Governors Island, was killed, and Major General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff of the army, had several ribs broken and sustained several slight injuries in an automobile accident here. They were en route from Fort Myer, Va., to Washington, and their machine was hit by a trolley car in the suburbs of the capital.